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Israel is 55 year's old!



Participants of the Community Mission to Israel celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut at the Beit Canada Absorption Centre in Ashkelon on May 7. Cantor Daniel Ben-lolo and Marty Davis, executive director of UJA Ottawa and Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation, dance with students, olim from Ethiopia who have been in Israel for about a year and a half. The Ottawa contingent to the Mission was the largest with 70 participants. (More details on the Mission will appear in the next issue of the *Bulletin*.)

Congregants vote in favour of mixed seating at Beth Shalom

By Lauren Krugel

The phones at Beth Shalom Synagogue were ringing off the hook the day after more than two-thirds of the congregation voted in favour of leaving the Orthodox movement to join the less rigid Union of Traditional Judaism.

The barrage of telephone calls was to offer congratulations and support, according to Jack Shapiro, the synagogue's president. As of the first Saturday after *Shavuot*, men and women will be allowed to sit together, and women will be permitted to read *HafTorah* — two things that until now have been forbidden.

Previously, both sexes could pray in the main sanctuary but were cordoned off into separate seating areas.

The men sat on the interior of the sanctuary and women sat along the exterior. Now that a new bylaw has passed, men and women can sit wherever they choose in the synagogue.

A year ago, 70 per cent of the congregation voted to mandate a change in bylaws, which would relax some of the regulations on male and female roles in the synagogue.

On April 30, this mandate was made a bylaw with an identical number of members voting in favour of the switch.

Shapiro says he hopes, by invoking this change, the synagogue will attract young families and build a stronger, more diverse congregation. Before the vote, Beth Shalom's attendance was

well below its capacity. Most of its members are over 50 years of age, he says, although they have attracted some young families in the past year.

"We'd like to have [the synagogue] filled," says Shapiro.

Shapiro says Beth Shalom's downtown location makes it a perfect mid-way point for Jews living at either end of the city. As of the beginning of May, he says, three or four new families have joined the congregation.

"It has started out to be a positive situation," he says.

The synagogue's move to the Union of Traditional Judaism has not come without its critics. Ian Sadinsky, who served as Beth

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Three outstanding 'individuals' to be honoured at Vaad AGM

By Cynthia Nyman Engel

Three outstanding individuals, Dr. Bernard Dolansky, Jackie Barwin and Evelyn Greenberg, have been named 2003 recipients of the Ottawa Jewish community's foremost awards. Individually, each has given generously of their time and energy to community commitments. Collectively, they have contributed a total of 90-plus

years toward making a real difference to the quality of Ottawa Jewish communal life.

Dr. Bernard Dolansky is receiving the Gilbert Greenberg Distinguished Service Award, the highest tribute which the Ottawa Jewish community can bestow on an individual for exceptional service over the course of many years. Initiated in

1980, it bears the name of the late Past President Gilbert Greenberg, who exemplified the qualities of leadership which the award seeks to recognize each year.

Jackie Barwin will be presented with the Freiman Family Young Leadership Award. This award was established in 1988, to recognize a member of the Ottawa

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Dr. Bernie Dolansky



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Yom Hazikaron pays tribute to soldiers who sacrificed their life for Israel

The Embassy of Israel, in association with the Voted Israel Cultural Program, held a public Yom Hazikaron Memorial Ceremony May 5 at the Congregation Agudath Israel.

Yom Hazikaron is a day of remembrance for those who fell in the struggle for the birth and defense of the State of Israel. Of the over 19,500 soldiers who have given their lives defending Israel and her people, 200 were North American. Several dozens of those were Canadian.

It is a day where all Jews, through self-reflection, rededicate themselves to The State of Israel, so that they may be worthy of the sacrifice made by those who died for the its survival. It is traditional that on Yom Hazikaron, members of the Jewish community come together to express their shared respect and gratitude for those who gave their lives for Israel's independence and continued existence.

In Israel, on the eve of



An Israel Defense Forces soldier salutes the grave of a soldier on the eve of Yom Hazikaron at the military cemetery on Mount Herzl in Jerusalem. (JP Photo: Ariel Jerozolimski)

Yom Hazikaron, a siren wails and everything stops for one minute. The country grinds to a halt. Traffic stops, drivers get out of their cars and stand at attention at the sides of their vehicles. Pedestrians freeze where they are on the

sidewalk. An eerie stillness is broken only by the dull sound of the siren.

In military cemeteries throughout the country, special services are held in honour of the fallen soldiers. Generally, memorial torches are lit, speeches given and then the families and friends are left alone with their dead. People who have been fortunate enough not to have lost relatives in Israel's wars visit graveyards simply to remember those who gave their life so that the State of Israel could live. Indeed, in many respects, they consider the fallen to be part of their own family.

Sharon honoured among heroes of the War of Attrition

By Greer Fay Cashman

The Jerusalem Post

Israel's milestones over the past 55 years have been measured by wars. Yet the longest war, the 1,000-day War of Attrition, launched by Egypt after its defeat in the 1967 War, is usually overlooked. The heroes of that conflict were never recognized.

A group, headed by former Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat, wrote six months ago to their former comrade-in-arms, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, who was OC Southern Command during the War of Attrition, asking that this wrong be redressed.

As a result, a special citation ceremony was incorporated into this year's Independence Day reception hosted by President Moshe Katsav for past and present commanders and senior officers of all divisions of the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) and security services.



Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon

Thirty citations were awarded to veterans, including Sharon, or their parents and widows, as well as to representatives of different divisions of the IDF, civilian employees of the army and representatives of confrontation line communities.

Former President Ezer Weizman, who was the deputy chief of General Staff of the IDF, was the second to receive a citation after Sharon. He and his

wife, Reuma, also accepted a citation on behalf of their late son, Shaul Weizman, who was seriously wounded during the War of Attrition.

Other citations presented were: Tamar Bar-Lev, whose late husband, Haim Bar-Lev, was chief of General Staff during the War of Attrition; Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz who was then a young officer in the paratroopers; Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Moshe Ya'alon, who had just been drafted into the IDF; Maj.-Gen. (res.) Yeshayahu Gavish, who had preceded Sharon as OC Southern Command; Yael Ze'evi, the widow of assassinated tourism minister Rehavam Ze'evi, who was then OC Central Command; Telma Elazar, the widow of Oavid Elazar who had been OC Northern Command and later became chief of Gen- (Continued on page 4)



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Congregants vote for mixed seating

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Shalom's president from 1996 to 2000, says relaxing the religious laws will make it impossible for traditional Orthodox Jews like himself to daven there.

"I joined an Orthodox shul. I want it to remain an Orthodox shul," he says. "Orthodox is Orthodox. You either are or you aren't."

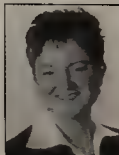
Although Shapiro says

the move was risky, the synagogue has addressed many of these concerns. For instance, Beth Shalom will set aside a separate seating area for men and women for those who do not want to sit and pray in the mixed area.

Unlike the conservative Agudath Israel Congregation, which has the largest membership in Ottawa, Beth

Shalom would still not allow women to sing *aliyah*. Beth Shalom's liturgies and *kashrut* standards as well as its wedding and burial ceremonies will adhere to Orthodox practices.

"We knew this would be a good experiment. We hope we can make a change and attract new people," says Shapiro. "Only time will tell."



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AVIV Jewish Festival and Walkathon – step into the celebration

By Gabe Meranda

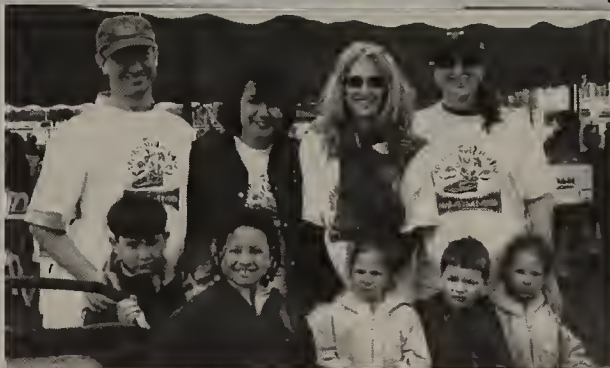
The months of planning and hours of coordination have paid off. The AVIV Jewish Festival and Walkathon taking place on Sunday, May 25, 2003 is finally here.

Sponsored by the United Jewish Appeal of Ottawa, the annual AVIV Festival will be an exciting community-wide celebration of Jewish culture and spirit that will be taking place on the grounds of the Jewish Community Campus.

In the weeks leading up to the festival, there has been a tremendous amount of activity focused on raising the level of fun, and funds, for this spectacular event.

"This year's approach for the festival is to showcase our Jewish community to the entire city of Ottawa," says AVIV Jewish Festival Co-Chair Ellen Fathi.

"We are proud of our local community and of our commitment to the State of Israel. That is something



Bring out the whole family for a day of fun at the AVIV Jewish Festival and Walkathon.

for all of us to come out and celebrate."

Fathi, her co-chair and husband Ray, together with their organizing committees have made sure that this year's event conveys many of the wonderful aspects of our Jewish tradition.

To accentuate this, there is sure to be something for everyone, including the day-long walkathon, an

eclectic marketplace and a vast array of ethnic food.

Even the kids will have plenty to do throughout the day. Organizers have arranged an entertaining carnival to be set up for the kids, complete with toys and games organized by Circus Delight and Sportplex.

Marty Davis, executive director of the United Jewish Appeal of Ottawa,

wants to emphasize the true spirit of our community through the AVIV Festival, both at home and in Israel.

"We are committed to building community," says Davis.

"Part of that commitment is to the State of Israel that has been suffering for nearly three years. We are proud to be bringing a taste of Israel to Ottawa at the AVIV Festi-

val by welcoming vendors from 'Shop Israel' who will be in our city for two days selling goods from our homeland."

Festival Honourary Co-chairs Mayor Bob Chiarelli and Israeli Ambassador Haim Divon will join title sponsor Loblaw's, as well as media sponsors CJOH, the *Ottawa Sun* and The Bear and corporate sponsor Minto Developments, in participating in this celebration of cultural diversity in the Nation's Capital.

Like other cultural festivities in the National Capital Region, the festival is open to everyone.

Monies raised during the Festival will be directed towards assisting a wide range of agencies in the Ottawa Jewish community, and around the world. The United Jewish Appeal of Ottawa is the central fundraising body for Ottawa's Jewish community.

If you would like to take part in the AVIV Jewish Festival and Walkathon, or wish to obtain more information, please call the United Jewish Appeal office (798-4696, ext. 272) or visit www.jewishottawa.org.

See pages 14 and 15 for more on this event..

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Community celebrates Israel's 55th birthday

By Pam Rosenberg

Eight hundred people converged on Congregation Agudath Israel on May 6 to be part of the Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebrations that included dignitaries, choirs, speeches and no shortage of food, singing and dancing.

The evening got under way with some words from Yom Ha'Atzmaut Chair Miriam Algom, who introduced the theme of the event, "We Have No Other Land." The program emphasized the great hope that Israel is for the Jewish people and its many achievements, despite the continuing struggle for existence.

Israeli Ambassador



The Ottawa community celebrates Israel!

Haim Divon took to the podium next, followed by Rabbi Reuven Bulka, who led the crowd in the prayer for the State of Israel in English and Hebrew. Rona Shaffran-Tannenbaum, honorary secretary, Jewish Community Council of Ottawa/Vaad Ha'lr, and Lawrence Silber, chair of the Board of Directors for the SJCC also spoke.

The Shira Ottawa Choir, the Hillel Academy Choir and the Israella Singers filled the sanctuary with songs and Hillel Academy grade 5 students shared some personal

poetry about the State of Israel.

While the crowd snacked on delicious Israeli fare, Israeli entertainer Shimon Peer tuned up for the party. The evening was complete with everyone taking part in Israeli dancing.

The festivities continued the next morning at the SJCC with a flag-raising ceremony. Students from Hillel Academy read letters they wrote to Israeli soldiers, children from the Ganon Preschool and Early Beginnings Daycare sang songs and waved their Israeli flags.

Heroes of the War of Attrition honoured

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eral Staff; and a host of other familiar names including Lahat's.

Speaking on behalf of the honourees, Lahat paid particular tribute to Gavish and Bar-Lev as outstanding role models, and to Sharon as "a phenomenal commander." As for the war itself, Lahat described it as long, harsh and difficult with challenges that Israeli forces had not previously encountered.

Sharon said that he had never understood why the War of Attrition, one of the most difficult in Israel's experience, had been overlooked.

"I'm not exaggerating when I say that our generation lived and fought through one of the most dramatic periods in Jewish history and enabled the creation of the State of Israel ... Conditions then were much tougher than anything we face today."

Also assembled at Beit Hanassi were 120 outstanding young soldiers including men and women, new immi-

grants and sabras, Druze, Bedouin, Christians and Muslims and religious and secular Jews from cities, towns, moshavim and kibbutzim. Each was presented with a citation and some with monetary awards.

Lt. Shai Gilboa, responding on behalf of the new generation, said that while they felt honoured by being selected, the recognition belonged more to their fallen comrades.

The outstanding young soldiers, said Katsav, belonged to a generation "that we hoped would no longer have to fight," but Israel's enemies have forced a situation in which this generation, too, has been called upon to defend the homeland.

"You are the generation that was raised in the shadow of hope for a future of peace, security, tranquility, and prosperity. Instead you find yourselves fighting against brutal terror and hatred," he said.

Ya'alon also addressed

the honourees. "Each one of you outshone others in your unit, in actions, dedication, professionalism and motivation, identifying your job and mission and striving for excellence," he said.

Contrary to usual practice, there were actually 121 outstanding soldiers this year. Though most of the honourees were barely 20, the 121st was over 80. Katsav saw fit to bestow special recognition on Col. Yitzhak (Ziko) Graziani, the legendary conductor of the IDF orchestra, who has led it for the past 55 years, coming out of retirement for all the special occasions on which the orchestra is called to play.

He was there again, in his army uniform, on May 7, this time for his swan song. Graziani received a standing ovation to a magnificent vocal and instrumental tribute a very moving Hebrew rendition of "Auld Lange Syne."

Margot Dudkevitch contributed to this report.

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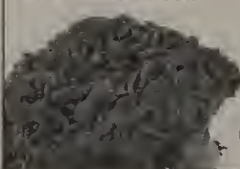


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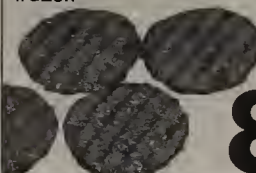


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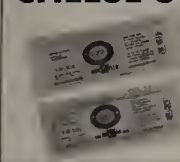
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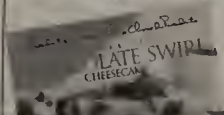


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Rosenfeld guest lecturer at next OJHS program

Anita Rosenfeld will speak on the "life and times" of her maternal (Margulies and Jampolsky) and paternal (Rosenfeld and Potashner) families at the next Ottawa Jewish Historical Society program, Thursday, June 12, 7:30 pm at Congregation Agudath Israel. The discussion will place the events, activities and journeys of their lives in the social and cultural context of the era.

Rosenfeld will discuss their travels from pre-war Europe, pioneering in the



Anita Rosenfeld

west during the depression, dairy farming (and through it the strengthening of the

Israeli dairy industry), assisting new immigrant families, serving the community and dealing with and overcoming prejudice.

Those of you who know Anita Rosenfeld's parents, Florence and Gdalyah, probably know little of the strength and perseverance of their family's heritage and will be surprised by the many interesting and telling facts. Anita Rosenfeld admits that "many of the accounts were new even to her" and it made researching her heritage an

even more rewarding experience than expected. She looks forward to the privilege of sharing those stories with us.

Anita Rosenfeld is currently a Senior Analyst with the Real Property and Material Policy Directorate at Treasury Board Secretariat (TBS) and has 20 years of Real Property experience - the majority with the federal government. She has been involved with the UJA, the Vaad, the Jewish Youth Library and the United Way.

Ottawa Post, Jewish War Veterans needs volunteers

By Ely Bollegraaf

There is ample opportunity for greater involvement from all Jewish War Veterans and their families towards a common cause: the preservation of the memory of the heroic and outstanding personal commitments and sacrifices made by the Ottawa Jewish War Veterans during the

Second World War.

This legacy should be passed on from generation to generation.

There are a number of ways in which help would be welcomed. One is that the Post could very much use the talents of the wives of the veterans. There is a need for a telephone committee to remind veterans and others of upcoming events. People may also be occasionally required to help with the organizing of files, the identification and sorting of photographs, and the overseeing and provision of snacks at meetings and events. Contact Sam Ages (728-5701) for details.

Ottawa Jewish War Veterans who were originally not included in the collec-

tion of photos on display at Machzikei Hadas should contact Morton Baslaw (733-5480) to submit photos. The display originally done to accompany the launching of the book, *There I Was* is being remounted.

Plans are under way to produce a cast metal or engraved metal wall plaque, with the names of the approximately 450 Ottawa Jewish War Veterans of the Second World War, whose names are listed in the book *There I Was*.

Morton Taller and Morton Baslaw are looking into the feasibility of this metal plaque production.

If anyone is aware of names not already included in this listing, but should have been, please contact

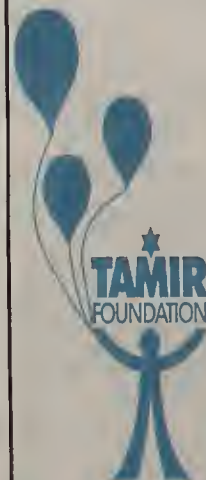
Morton Baslaw (733-5480), to ensure that no veterans names are inadvertently omitted from the metal plaque, which is to be permanently displayed at the Soloway JCC.

Attentive members of the Ottawa Jewish War Veteran Post have expressed the wish and need to become informed of ill colleagues so that phone calls, inquiries, well-wishing cards or other forms of communication can be arranged for those who are ill.

If anyone is aware of an Ottawa Jewish War Veteran who is ill, please contact Sam Ages, Paul Bender, or others on the executive of the Post, and request that action be taken in regards to the ill individual.

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KKL-JNF responded by planting thirteen trees in American Independence Park, in honour of Ilan Ramon and his fellow astronauts.

In the aftermath of the crash of the Columbia, KKL-JNF was flooded with inquiries. "How can we help realize Ilan's dream?" people asked. In response, KKL-JNF is coordinating a global effort to plant trees in Israel and develop projects in his memory.

The main memorial project will be at the KKL-JNF Ilanot Forest and Arboretum. There could be no better memorial for this outstanding Israeli than a site that focuses on research to improve and advance afforestation while providing a unique educational experience for the many visitors who already flock to the facility on weekends and holidays.

The visitor centre will give the impression of a large illuminated space, with the help of big screens covering the walls. Information will be conveyed through sensory experiences of light, colour and sound, with minimal use of maps and graphs. Smaller touch screens will allow visitors to delve into topics that interest them. The entire exhibit will be state-of-the-art interactive as befits one of KKL's flagship projects.

A quartet of B'nai Mitzvah

Mazal Tov and Yasher Koach to the four youngsters who became B'nai Mitzvah recently. The parents of Bradley Ellison, Tess Fischer and Naomi Robert, and the grandparents of Jessica Sarah Slatt, chose to add a meaningful dimension to this major milestone by inscribing their cherished celebrant in the Sefer Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

JNF extends an open invitation to Bradley, Tess, Naomi and Jessica to visit the KKL-JNF offices in Jerusalem and ask to view their inscription in the Sefer Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

Golden Book Inscription

In honour of her Bat Mitzvah, Laura Michelle Weiner has been inscribed in the Golden Book by her proud grandparents Miriam and Louis Weiner.

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Mark Klyman,
president

Stockwell Day to speak at June 11 Emunah event

By Gladys Zarecki

Emunah Women of Ottawa's Mother-in-Israel event promises to be exceptionally inspiring this year. It will honour the memory of Helen Kizell Beiles (z"l), a devoted supporter of Emunah for over half a century, and present a very special guest speaker: the Canadian Alliance Foreign Affairs Critic, Stockwell Day.

As a member of parliament and foreign affairs critic for the Official Opposition, Day has staunchly



Event honours
the late Helen Kizell Beiles

supported the cause of Israel and has often demonstrated the courage to do so

when others have relinquished their responsibility. Thus the theme of his presentation: "An Isolated Voice in Support of Israel."

Helen Beiles, 1905-2003 (z"l), was born in Lithuania to Moshe and Rachel Leah Kizell (founder of Emunah Women of Ottawa). She immigrated to Ottawa in 1927 and was married to Isaac Beiles (z"l) for 68 years. She was actively involved in Ottawa Hillel Lodge, ORT, Rideau Street Shul, the Red Cross, the

Cancer Society and the Heart Foundation. Emunah was especially close to her heart and she displayed a lasting loyalty to its Ottawa Chapter, even after she had moved to Montreal.

This year's Emunah event will take place on Wednesday, June 11 at the Minto Suite Hotels, 433 Laurier Avenue West, Leger Salon A and B at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$18 for members and \$20 for non-members.

To RSVP call Rivka (241-5613).

Annual Father's Day sports breakfast at SJCC

June 15 is Father's Day. June 15 is also the second annual SJCC Sports Breakfast of Champions.

Championship teams will be honoured, individual athletes will be recognized for their accomplishments and new members will be inducted into Ottawa's Jew-

ish Sports Hall of Fame.

Jim Kyte, who played for the NHL's San Jose Sharks and the Winnipeg Jets for 14 years, will be the special guest speaker at the breakfast.

Despite having only 30 per cent hearing, Jim overcame his impairment and

had a long and successful career.

For further information, contact Jon Braun (798-

9818, ext. 267).

Tickets for the event are available at the SJCC customer service desk.

Annual tea supports work of Hadassah hospital trauma unit, June 1

By Gina Grant

On Sunday, June 1, from 2 to 4 pm, the Amit Chapter of Ottawa Hadassah-WIZO is having their annual Tea at the home of Terry Schwarzfeld and Stephen Coatsman, 34 Lynhurst Avenue. Proceeds from this event will support the Trau-

ma Unit at the Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem.

Unfortunately the Trauma Unit has been very busy over the last two years. Victims of terrorist attacks are sent to the hospital for treatment and the staff is witness to the death and destruction that follows.

The stories they tell are heartbreaking — helping families identify their loved ones and how the wounds change the lives of the victims forever.

If you are unable to join us for our annual tea, please remember how busy the Trauma Unit is, and take a moment to send your donation to the Amit Chapter, c/o Debbie Baylin (521-9092).

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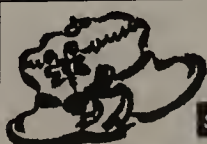
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VAAD Report

L. Gerald Levitz
President

This is my last column as president. Many have asked me if I am anxious to have my presidency come to an end. My reply? I am happy to have completed my term, but sad that it is over. In the past two years, much has been accomplished, but there is so much more to do.

I would like to pay tribute to the officers of the Vaad who served during my term. Their dedication to the community, the extent of their time, effort and commitment, their sage advice and counsel and their tolerance of my passions when they boiled over were truly remarkable. It is difficult to convey the volume, depth and breadth of the challenges they willingly and enthusiastically tackled.

Stephen Greenberg, immediate past president, has been involved as an officer for over a decade. In addition to his duties as an officer, he continued to assist in the completion of the Community Capital

Campaign. He was the perfect past president, offering our group the benefit of his long service and offering me guidance at meetings and privately. When I assumed the presidency, he was a tough act to follow and now, as upcoming immediate past president, I hope I can match the model he has presented.

Amie Vered, first vice-president, and I have served together over the past 25 years in various community organizations, starting with Young Leadership Development and continuing primarily with Hillel Academy. Being two people who always have a lot to say, we frequently used to continue our discussions for one or two hours after a meeting, standing outside, like postmen, not deterred by rain, snow, sleet or hail. As first vice-president, Amie balanced his other significant community commitments with the challenging task of chairing our agency-relationship endeavours, wherein we tried to be knowledgeable of the current needs and challenges of our major beneficiary agencies. It will be an honour and privilege to assist him in his presidency.

Ron Prehogan, who has had an extensive community career with the Jewish

Community Centre locally, nationally and internationally, accepted the huge challenge of co-chairing our Strategic Planning Task Force. This was a two-year endeavour, which has brought forth a road map for Jewish life in Ottawa for at least the next five years.

Lawrence (Butch) Zinman, treasurer, through great personal and professional challenges, poured his unlimited expertise and energy into our requirements. He served as chair of the UJA Committee of the Vaad, which was the planning and supervisory vehicle for our annual campaign. He also chaired our Financial Management Committee, which had responsibility to oversee our financial affairs as well as to receive financial reports from beneficiary agencies. His personal fundraising efforts for the annual Walkathon were inspirational.

Rona Shaffran-Tannenbaum, honorary secretary, was the social conscience of our group. She was the chair of the Kehilla Task Force, which reported on the needs of the less privileged of the Ottawa Jewish community. Her efforts to continue to remind us of our responsibilities to assist those least able to assist themselves gave

us the balance we needed. Her cool analytical skills also added much to our deliberations.

On behalf of the community and myself a hearty Yasher Koach to all of the officers. To serve the community with such a group was a marvelous two-year trip. I look forward to continuing to be of assistance to the officers in my non-elected role for the next two years.

To complete my thank you to community volunteer leaders with whom I worked during my term, I would like to acknowledge the commitment and dedication of the following chairpersons: Ian Sherman and Lawrence Silber of the Soloway Jewish Community Centre; Melané Hotz and Eric Weiner of Hillel Lodge; Linda Steingarten and Allan Moscovitch of Jewish Family Services; Saeila Osterer of Hillel Academy; Lewis Auerbach and Zelda Shore of Tamir; Norma Lesh and Saul Goldfarb of the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation.

For my previous columns in the *Ottawa Jewish Bulletin*, I would like to acknowledge Mitchell Bellman's drafting of the themes we selected together. With my editing, he started to sound like me!



How I see it

Bob Dale

On my most recent trip to Israel, I spent a few days with my friends Ricky and Sharon Gennis. Ricky and Sharon made *aliya* several years ago and now live happily with their four daughters in an ultra-Orthodox neighbourhood in Beth Shemesh, near Jerusalem.

Readers who know the Gennis family may be interested in knowing just how orthodox their neighbourhood is. As one measure, on Shabbat community members gate the entire neighbourhood to prevent traffic from surrounding areas from entering, except for ambulances, which are directed in and out whenever there is an emergency. As a more personal example, consider that for the two days I was there, I was the only adult male in the entire area not wearing a wide black hat and long black coat.

On Shabbat morning, Ricky took me to his synagogue. It wasn't really a synagogue in any physical sense, but literally a big trailer that had been moved to an empty lot and set down. It had only four rows of seats, two on each side of a very narrow aisle, plus the Rabbi's seat in front. Men only. As in virtually all other synagogues, each congregant had his designated seat, and Ricky had to make inquiries to confirm that one of his fellow congregants was absent to ensure that there was a place for me to sit.

The service went on for about two hours, and as we left (or more accurately, disembarked), a man with a thick Manchester accent walked up to Ricky and started to complain.

"That's the last time I'm coming to this synagogue," he shouted. "I'm fed up with the way they're running this place."

It took all of my self-restraint to keep from blurting out, "Mister, you're complaining about a trailer."

Ricky and I later joked about how no matter what city you visit or what type of synagogue you attend, people are remarkably similar, even having the same types of complaints. Indeed, having gone through several religious transitions myself over the past quarter century, I've found that no matter what brand of Judaism people choose to practise, or clothing they sometimes wear to identify as members of particular groups, their common features - personal, communal, or otherwise - outweigh their differences. That's one reason why I have friends from all branches of Judaism, and even some who don't practise Judaism in any formal sense at all.

That's also why I get so upset by the small minority of Jews who make the conscious choice to remove themselves, spiritually or physically, from the general community. As an Orthodox Jew, I get most upset by those who practice a relatively rigid brand of Judaism, one they feel prevents them from associating with their fellow Jews in any meaningful way, whether it be eating in their homes, attending their synagogues, or participating in communal events.

I want to make it absolutely clear that I

One people, one community

am not talking about the vast majority of Orthodox Jews, who participate fully in the community. And I am most certainly not talking about organizations like JET, the Jewish Youth Library, or the Ottawa Torah Centre. I admire these organizations and the people who run them because of the non-judgemental way in which they reach out to people with limited backgrounds who yearn to learn more about their religious heritage, even if they have absolutely no desire to practise Orthodox Judaism themselves. I also admire these organizations and their leaders because of the way in which they work hand in hand with the community at large. Differences? Of course. But in the end, we're one people, one community.

Over the spring and summer months, many Jews study the *Pirkei Avos*, a tractate

of the *Mishnah* that is filled with rules of moral conduct and ethical behaviour. One of its sections quotes Shimon, the son of Rabbi Gamliel, who says that while Torah study is important, it is the actual performance of Torah commandments that is paramount. I interpret this to mean that people who study Torah have an obligation not to just study for the sake of studying, or to keep to themselves and their own groups, but to put the knowledge they have gained into practice in real-life situations.

In my view, they can only do this if they interact fully with their fellow Jews and actively serve the communities in which they live. Besides, that's the best way of sending a message to the rest of us about the benefits they feel are available from leading a Torah-based life. Far better, I feel,

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Guest Editorial

From
The Jerusalem Post

By Sarah Honig

Ariel Sharon's favourite reply to critics surprised by his determined championship of a Palestinian state is that from his vantage point things look different.

But he already viewed the arena from the elevated prime ministerial perch when he stood over a long row of body bags at the Pata Junction not too long ago. At his feet lay the motionless victims of yet another bus bombing on a weekday Jerusalem morning.

"Are these the people," he asked referring to Palestinian terror overlords "to whom you want to give a state?" His pained query was doubtlessly addressed to George W. Bush.

So what's happened since? Has his vantage point inconspicuously and inexplicably shifted? I put this question to a leading Likud politician, one of the very few in his party reputed to be really close to Sharon.

His take is that Sharon hasn't changed fundamentally but has opted for clever tactics to buy us all time. Why appear as the bad guy striving to stymie Bush's attempts to please the Europeans and appease seething Arabs?

"He'll let [new Palestinian premier] Abu Mazen fail, and by then the US will be in the throes of an election campaign, which will make it harder to exert brutal pressure on Israel. Meanwhile, who knows what can happen? The poretz may die, the dog may die," speculated my interlocutor.

He was, of course, alluding to the timeless Yiddish folktale about the hapless generic shtetl Jew who dared request that the local Polish country squire (the poretz) reimburse him for services rendered. Infuriated at the Jew's gall, the poretz declared he'd kill him. He was about to sic his wolfhound on the Jew to tear him limb from limb, when the Jew suggested his execution be postponed

Can Sharon teach the canines to croon?

for a year. He agreed that he deserved capital punishment for his impudence, but asked for clemency if he could teach the dog to sing in 12 months.

Fellow Jews were alarmed. "You know that vicious animal won't sing," they warned.

"True," conceded the Jew, "but who knows what can happen meanwhile? The poretz may die, the dog may die."

There may be pragmatic sense to Sharon's ostensible accommodating attitude.

Why become the villain of the piece when it's obvious that Abu Mazen is on a mission impossible? He is uncharismatic, unpopular and his appointment is seen as imposed by the enemy. He is hardly the man to convince bloodthirsty PLO and Hamas canines to croon.

Thus Sharon can afford to play along and talk of a provisional Palestinian state, preferably one unrecognized by the UN and demilitarized. The problem is that this may be as realistic as expecting snarling dogs to sing, and as dangerous as hoping they'll just disappear.

Abu Mazen's success or failure may be immaterial. No matter how he fares, he will give a tremendous boost to the Palestinian Authority's tarnished image and even indirectly rehabilitate Arafat.

Since Sharon chose to leave Arafat in Ramallah, he could well soon find himself dealing with him by proxy, via Abu Mazen.

In fact, Arafat, reinvigorated and confident he is pulling the strings, has just let us know what he thinks about curtailing the Intifada: "It will last for a million more days, a billion-billion days," he crowed triumphantly.

Paradoxically Abu Mazen, the man installed to replace Arafat, may actually make him relevant again.

It's admittedly possible that further down the line he can persuade at least some terror gangs to lay down their arms temporarily. Such a cease-fire, however, would hardly be tantamount to eradicating terror. Instead, ter-

rorists would be given a respite, time to regroup and repair the damage Israel has wrought to their infrastructure in the past year. We could find ourselves worse off than before operation Defensive Wall.

In an anyway unsympathetic world, thwarting terror would become immeasurably more difficult, especially if incursions into a sovereign state were involved.

All this is on the tactical level. Strategically Sharon's cunning has already koshered the Palestinian state, much as the shtetl Jew legitimized the arbitrary death sentence against himself.

It's one thing for the Left to acquiesce in such a state, but it's crossing the Rubicon for a Likud leader to legitimize to Israeli public opinion what could constitute an existential threat.

We have it on good authority that this has even raised eyebrows in Washington, which cannot demand of Israel less than it volunteers to give.

Sharon has conceded the principle, and can now only haggle over details.

Perhaps he hopes to thereby stall things, but he has rendered the Palestinian state inevitable, awaiting only the resolution of attendant conditions.

With this penny-wise-and-pound-foolish mind-set, it can only be feared that, in time, there will be compromises on these conditions as well, if not by Sharon personally,

then certainly by his successors.

Who, for instance, can guarantee that a Palestinian state won't arm itself?

Self-determination inescapably confers the right to self-defence. Israel alone, and for a while only, will contend otherwise.

Abu Mazen once ridiculed Israel's egregious Oslo error when it recognized a Palestinian state without first securing the end of the conflict and the relinquishment of the "right of return," which would delegitimize Israel as a Jewish state and eventually destroy it.

But the road map is worse than Oslo. There was no provisional Palestinian state in Oslo, and nothing like the map's strictures on settlements (which could even include Jerusalem neighbourhoods).

The most Israel can expect in return is a halt to terrorism, something already promised but not delivered in Oslo.

Sharon would be rewarding terror, should he pay exorbitantly yet again for goods Rabin already purchased at Oslo.

Could it just possibly be that, rather than outsmarting everyone, Sharon is fooling himself (and us)? Like the poretz, the Palestinian state won't go away, and its dogs of terror won't be tamed.

Worse still, as they attack and bite, the world will claim to hear pleasing, melodious overtones in their menacing bark.

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**From the
pulpit**

**Rabbi
Mitchell Cohen
Hillel Lodge**

As this article goes to print, the Ottawa Jewish community is eagerly preparing for the Aviv Festival and the holiday of Shavuot. As we are about to experience the Festival of Weeks, the holiday which "concludes" Pesah, we must look at our inner self and evaluate the commitments we make on a routine basis.

We must all ask ourselves the following questions: Was my personal focus on the holiday of Passover simply a nice excuse for a fancy family get-together? Was it bound to matzah balls and brisket? Is my

A time to re-receive, re-commit and re-assess

commitment to the Ottawa Jewish community simply symbolic? Or, is it deeply rooted in seeing us continue to grow spiritually and physically into a community that would be to the envy of every other Canadian Jewish community?

May I suggest that we take it upon ourselves to emulate the wise son of the Passover Seder – understand what we know, be willing to know more and not rest until all is studied and put into practice. To understand the meaning of Passover, we must completely commit ourselves to feeling the burden of slavery and the exaltation of being part of the Egyptian Exodus, even if it is thousands of years later.

However, even if we attain that lofty goal, how we react after Passover is over, and specifically forty-nine days later is the crux of the holiday. To be freed from slav-

ery and whisked into the covenant with God, only to forsake the acceptance of the Torah by not observing the holiday of Shavuot, would be equal to ordering and paying for a product only to forget it at the store.

Similarly, to forsake the disheartened, continue to allow Jewish education to be underfunded, neglect the seniors of our community and forget about Israel would be a travesty. It would be the same – ordering and paying for a product only to forget it at the store.

With the Aviv Festival, we can come together as a community, to eat, drink and have a festive time. Simultaneously, we are able to show our physical and financial support to our local Jewish community and to Israel. A fun way to re-receive, re-commit and re-assess our value to the commu-

nity and the community's value to us.

So I invite you to join with me and alleviate your hectic schedules for May 25, 2003. Bring your spouse, parents and children to participate as walkers, joggers and/or food court volunteers. Bring your appetites and enjoy Kosher food as only our community can serve it. This will be a strong physical testament to your resolve not to forsake, but to be as one, *Am Yachad*.

Additionally, be ready for Shavuot on June 6, 2003. Be prepared for *Matan Torah* – the acceptance of the Torah, yet again. Come to shul with your spouse, parents and children to participate in religious services. Freely give over yourself as a *Eved Ha-Shem* – a servant of God. This way, you will remember, Passover is more than just matzah balls and brisket.

Award winners share dedication to Ottawa's Jewish community

(Continued from page 1)
Jewish community under the age of 40 who has rendered exceptional service to the community.

Evelyn Greenberg is the first recipient of the newly established Shem Tov Community Volunteer Award. Created in 2003, the award recognizes an outstanding and active volunteer with the Jewish community who, through many years of service, has contributed to the enrichment of Jewish life in Ottawa.

The presentations to the recipients will be made at the Annual General Meeting of the Community scheduled for Wednesday 11, June, 7:00 pm, Social Hall, Soloway Jewish Community Centre, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private. The community is invited to attend.

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Bernie Dolansky was 28 years old in June, 1973 when he moved to Ottawa to open his endodontic practice. That fall, the Yom Kippur War broke out. Bernie and his wife, Donna, who were spending Yom Kippur in Montreal, heard the news in synagogue.

"When I came back to Ottawa, I wanted to do some-

thing to help," he says. "I didn't know anyone or anything but I called the Vaad and said I'd like to make a donation to UJA and do something to help. The next thing I knew, I was speaking to [the late Executive Director] Hy Hochberg. Hy was glad to take my money and he put me forward for a couple of positions. The rest is history."

The community movers and shakers immediately saw what Hy Hochberg had recognized in the young newcomer, and the 'couple of positions' quickly escalated into 22 consecutive years of indepth involvement in the Ottawa Jewish community. Bernie was conscripted into the Jewish Community Council/Vaad Ha'Ir in 1975, and served as an officer and member of the executive committee from 1983 to 1997.

Among his many accomplishments during those years was the total reorganization of the Vaad HaKashrut. He assumed the Vaad presidency 1993-95, two years behind schedule in order to complete his term as president of the Canadian Dental Association.

In his capacity as chair

and co-chair of the Jewish Community Campus Development Committee (1988-1997), Bernie played a major role in the conception, execution and realization of the Broadview Campus. He also was involved in strategic planning exercises at Agudath Israel Congregation.

Bernie has been involved in leadership positions in the dental profession for over 25 years. Many of those positions have included the economics, education, organization and business aspects of dentistry. He has served on the consulting staff at CHEO and the Civic Hospital Campus, and as a member of the Ottawa Hospital Board of Trustees, 2000-2001.

The transplanted Montrealer will receive the Ottawa Jewish community's highest tribute almost 30 years to the day after he arrived in the nation's capital.

"When Stephen Greenberg phoned to tell me I was the 2003 Gilbert Greenberg awardee, he said it was the first time he'd heard me speechless!" Bernie laughs. "I am very excited. It is a great honour."

Bernie, 58, was delighted at his daughter Gillian's reac-

tion to the good news. "I don't know why you're surprised, Dad," she said. "The only thing is, I thought you had to be old to win it."

Bernie and Donna Dolansky have three children, Shawna, married to James; Eric, and Gillian; and one grandchild, Alex.

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Her marriage to Kevin Barwin brought Hamiltonian Jackie Tick to Ottawa in 1991.

Shortly after settling into her new surroundings, Jackie joined the Tikva Chapter of Hadassah-WIZO (it was renamed the Ina McCarthy Chapter following fellow member Ina's untimely death). Within the year Jackie also became involved with UJA's Young Women's Leadership Council.

"You learn by example," says the upbeat 37-year-old. "My whole childhood was spent watching my parents going to various meetings and taking on various community leadership roles. When I arrived here, becoming involved was a way of making my own community and circle of friends."

The 2003 Freiman Family award winner threw herself wholeheartedly into both organizations. Within three years of joining Hadassah-WIZO, she was the recipient of the Esther Award for valuable contributions at the chapter level. She served as chapter president 1995-97, and continues to be active on the local council and nationally as a member of the national executive board.

Jackie was appointed chair of Young Women's Leadership Council for 1994-95. In addition to canvassing for UJA Ottawa, she has co-chaired the UJA Super Sunday Fund Raising Campaign, participated in Women's Campaign as co-chair of various categories and, for the past two years, has co-chaired UJA Super Week.

In between her duties as wife, mother and occupational therapist, Jackie also made time to chair the Ganon Pre-School Parent Committee and its spin-off, the Early

Childhood Education Committee. She has just completed a three-year term as a member of the Soloway JCC Board.

Ever since the call came informing Jackie that she was selected as the 2003 Freiman Family awardee, husband Kevin has been happily telling everyone who would listen.

"I'm just a proud husband and I like telling people about it," says Kevin. "Jackie's not a person who would tell anyone, so I thought it was my job to do it."

Jackie is equally happy to report that Kevin recently was among the winners of the Ottawa Business Journal's Forty Under Forty Award for 'professional accomplishments, professional recognition and community involvement.'

The Barwins have two children, Zachary, eight and Meredith, five.

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Evelyn Greenberg, the community's first Shem Tov Award winner, started playing the piano at 14 and never stopped.

As a teenager, she played for the Ottawa Talmud Torah every Sunday morning and, over the years, accompanied guest soloists at fundraisers for numerous Jewish organizations.

For the past 20 years, the professional accompanist has shared her gift with Hillel Lodge residents, lighting up their hearts with her music. Whenever she is called upon to accompany guest chazzans at concerts, she always asks them to perform at Hillel Lodge first. (She also has organized and participates in ongoing volunteer programs for hospitals and other homes for the aged in Ottawa).

Evelyn Greenberg, 65, is music, and much more. Her stamp is all over the Ottawa Jewish community. She has held executive positions with Beth Shalom Sisterhood and National Council of Jewish Women. She vigorously campaigned and canvassed for the Soloway JCC and Hillel Lodge. She has helped raise the funds and the profiles of Hebrew University,

State of Israel Bonds and B'nai Brith.

Evelyn co-chaired Operation Facelift for Hillel Lodge which saw the old facility updated and refurbished. The planning and execution of this campaign became the foundation for the creation of the new Ottawa Jewish Home for the Aged on the Broadview Campus. She founded the Ottawa branch of the Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation and served as its chair for two years. She introduced Canadian culture to Israel through guest lecturers and performers and arranged for Israeli artists and musicians to visit Canada.


She was instrumental in establishing the Hebrew University/University of Ottawa academic exchange, through which Israeli university students study in Canada and Canadian university students study in Israel. She organized and chaired the Fortieth Anniversary of Israel Gala concert at the NAC, a fundraising effort which launched a \$50,000 travel fund to enable the NAC orchestra to travel to Israel and the Middle East.

She has accomplished all of this and a whole lot more. Always with a lift in her step. Always with a smile on her face.

"When I saw there was going to be a Shem Tov Award, I was enchanted to see the name of the award and wanted to praise the community leaders for giving it a 'Good Name,'" says Evelyn. "It is particularly gratifying to get this award because it could have been given to so many others. This is a community of volunteers and I am only one mensch among menschen."

But what a mensch she is! "My mother used to say, 'Service is the rent you pay for your place on earth,'" Evelyn says. Sally Feldman would be proud, indeed, to know how magnificently her daughter took her words to heart.

Evelyn and her husband, Irving, have three children; Peter, married to Lori; Michael, married to Debbie; and Leslie; and four grandchildren.



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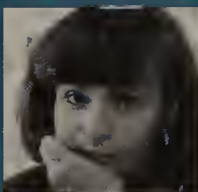
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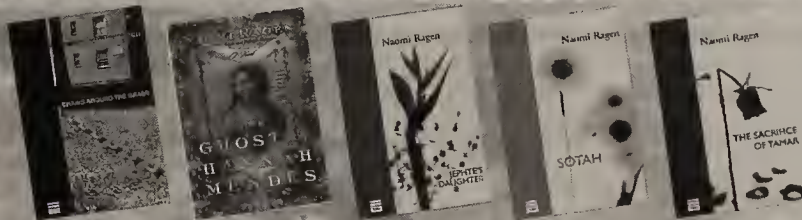
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"Scattered among the Peoples" author talk, Sunday, June 15

Allan Levine will discuss his much acclaimed history of the Jewish Diaspora, *Scattered Among the Peoples* Sunday, June 15 at 7:30 pm at the Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadorly Sachs Private.

The book focuses on the period 1492-1967 by examining the personal and public lives of individuals in diverse communities.

The *Globe and Mail* called *Scattered Among the Peoples*, "Immensely informative and accessible ... he provides his readers with snapshots of 10 important Jewish communities, each separate from its neighbour in time and space ... By the book's end [Levine] has managed to weave these separate snapshots into a compelling and devastating portrait."

In addition to his works of popular history, Levine has published three murder mysteries set in Winnipeg in the early 1900s.

Levine holds a PhD in history and teaches history and world issues in Winnipeg.

The author talks series is sponsored by the Greenberg Families Library and the SJCC.

"Die Folkshpieler" has arrived

By David Michaelson

Mir zeinen doh! We are here! Who else but "Die Folkshpieler?"

Originally named the Ottawa Yiddish Theatre, this group is reorganized and revitalized under the direction of Shirley R. Steinberg. Leader of the Israella Singers and involved with international folk music and Yiddish programs for Active Jewish Adults 50+, she has directed "Gelechter un Gesang," an

SJCC Yiddish series.

Many players from "Gelechter" are now with "Die Folkshpieler." The latter's debut performance will be "Alles in Eynem," an eclectic mix of drama, comedy and song. In Yiddish, yet. There will be two skits originally performed by the hilarious team of Dzigan & Shumacher, way back when your parents were still young; also a playlet, by Steinberg, about the reunion of a troupe of

actors, now seniors, who once performed in "Fiddler on the Roof."

All this plus plenty of nosherei. Where? At the Soloway Jewish Community Centre. When? At 2:00 pm on Sunday, June 8, 2003. How much? Only \$5.00! Did you ever get such a metziah?

For more information call Maxine Miska (798-9818, ext. 263). Get your tickets at the SJCC or by calling Sylvia Freeman (828-3173).

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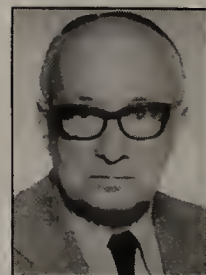
Sunday, June 1 at 7:30 pm

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Refreshments and time for discussion following. The community is invited.



David Berner



Dr. Imre Rosenberg

Canada has turned the corner on SARS.

Respected health professionals and specialists in disease control are all coming to the same conclusion: Canada has turned the corner on SARS. To put things in perspective, Health Canada believes it is important to remember the following points:

- The number of people who have recovered from SARS is going up.
- The total number of people in quarantine is going down.

"We will be lifting the travel advisory for Toronto, Canada, effective tomorrow."

Dr. Gro Harlem Brundtland, Director-General, World Health Organization, April 29, 2003

"It's safe to travel to Toronto... In my view it is. I'm planning to go there next week."

Dr. Julie Gerberding, Director of U.S. Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta – Fox News, April 27, 2003



"It's safe to travel to Toronto."



Dr. Paul Gully, Health Canada – Toronto Star, April 24, 2003

"Toronto continues to be a safe place. Anyone who's travelling to Toronto, either for business or pleasure, should be reassured that it is safe to do so."

Dr. Colin D'Cunha, Commissioner of Public Health and Chief Medical Officer of Health – Toronto Star, April 24, 2003

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JNF to honour Vera Klein at Negev Dinner, November 5

By Cynthia Nyman Engel

Seven years ago, when Vera Klein took over the family business, she asked for understanding from the various organizations to which she is committed. "Please," begged the Boyd Group of Companies newly installed CEO, "don't call me for two or three years. Let me come back to you when I'm ready."

True to her word, the minute she was ready, Vera Klein came back. "I never commit to anything unless I can give myself to it totally," says the consummate volunteer. "And then I give it my all."

In recognition of her exemplary leadership and devoted community service, her enduring philanthropy and outstanding commitment to worthy causes in the Jewish and general communities, Jewish National Fund of Ottawa has singled out Vera Klein as its 2003 Negev Dinner honoree.

The tribute to Klein will take place on Wednesday, November 5, at Congregation Machzikei Hadas. Dr. Norman Barwin and Marcia Cantor are co-chairing the campaign; Rabbi Reuven Bulka will chair the dinner.

"When Vera Klein says she'll do the job, the job gets done," says JNF Ottawa Board President

Mark Klyman. "We are delighted that she has accepted to stand as our 2003 honoree and we look forward to dedicating an exceptional JNF project of her choosing."

Vera Klein first became involved in the community when Dena Gosewich took her to a UJA function in 1977.

"I remember just sitting there watching critically," she says. "Then I went home and wrote a letter to [Women's Campaign Director] Gittel Tatz. I guess someone thought that 29-year-old had a lot of moxie, because soon afterward Ruth Viner and Dorothy Nadolny, who co-chaired Women's Campaign that year, invited me to join the cabinet."

Vera never looked back. The young wife and mother quickly made UJA a priority and, over the years, rose through the ranks to chair Women's Division in the 1990 Campaign.

She has been active in Ottawa State of Israel Bonds since 1987, when the organization awarded her father the Ben Gurion Centennial Award (one of only 100 recipients worldwide) at a gala evening held in his honour. She currently sits as deputy chair and, in November, will make history as the first woman to chair the Ottawa



Vera Klein, with her husband Dr. Leslie Klein, will be honoured by the Jewish National Fund of Ottawa at its Negev Dinner, November 5.

State of Israel Bonds General Campaign.

Vera is also a founding donor of the Pinkus Zuckerman Scholarship Fund held within the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation, and a longtime supporter of the Jewish National Fund.

At one time a semi-professional folk singer, Vera recently established the Vera Klein Scholarships in

Music at Carleton University.

"I hold a BA in sociology and psychology from Carleton," she says, "but I always loved music and even considered pursuing a career in music until my practical side won out. I often performed during my student years."

"Music was the glue that kept me together as a student. I'd like this schol-

arship to help a student who is struggling to finish the music course."

Carleton University has invited its distinguished alumnus to be the convocation speaker on May 31, when 32 women graduate the Sprott School of Business Management Development Program for Women.

Vera, 56, was born in Mihalovce, Czechoslovakia. Her late parents, Lenke and William Grossman, arrived in Canada in December, 1949. Vera was 22 months old.

"My parents were Holocaust survivors," she says. "They came here with nothing, only me and themselves."

Brother Tom was born one year later. Today, he is president of the Boyd Group of Companies.

Vera clearly remembers the early years when her mother took in roomers, while her father concentrated on making a living for

the family. With luck and a lot of hard work, Bill Grossman founded the Boyd Group of Companies.

As the business grew and prospered, her reputation as a philanthropist grew. Vera witnessed her father's generosity, and has chosen to follow in his footsteps.

Every minute is calculated in the life of this woman who works in a virtually male-dominated business.

"If I do something, it has to be something meaningful for me," she says.

"I'm used to being on the organizing side, and of giving of my time and money, but I've never sought rewards. I am surprised and very thrilled that JNF Ottawa has chosen me for this singular honour and I accept it with all humility."

Vera and her husband, Dr. Leslie Klein, have three sons, Jeremy, 28; Andrew, 25; married to Alia; and Michael, 19.

Bei our town



CBC 'Smart Ask' winner

Sarah Kriger captained the Merivale High School team to the national championship of CBC-TV's *Smart Ask* quiz show, winning over last year's champion in a close-fought final that aired recently on CBC.

Smart Ask challenges high school students from across the country to test their knowledge in subjects such as history, math, science, popular culture and sports.

Sarah, a Grade 13 student at Merivale, is the

daughter of Susan and Oavid Kriger and the granddaughter of Akiva and Shirley Kriger and the late Judith and Kenneth Ain.



U of O prool wins award

Seymour Mayne was recently awarded the Capital Educators' Award. The award recognizes Ottawa educators who have made a difference in the lives of their students by acting as role models, instilling confidence and nurturing leadership.

Mayne has taught Canadian Literature and Creative Writing at the University of Ottawa since the early 1970s. Over the years, he has enthusiastically sustained the University and Ottawa literary communities by helping apprentice writers develop their talents and students of Canadian literature pursue reading and research.

Mayne is an award-winning and internationally recognized author, editor or translator of more than forty books and monographs. His most recent literary works include *Light Industry* (2000), a collection of humorous and satirical poems, and *Hail* (2002), a sampling of word sonnets.

Psychologist wins prestigious award

Psychologist Dr. Gary Goldfield was recently awarded a five-year New

Investigators Award from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) for his work in childhood obesity.

Currently, Dr. Goldfield is a CHEO Research Institute Investigator within the Mental Health Research Program. Dr. Goldfield will be a key player and a leading participant in helping to develop an outstanding multidisciplinary team to deal with the clinical research and education needs through the Childhood Obesity Program at CHEO.



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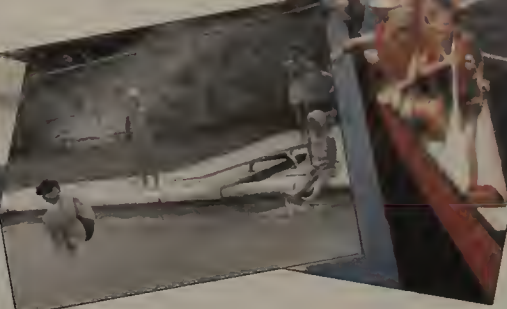
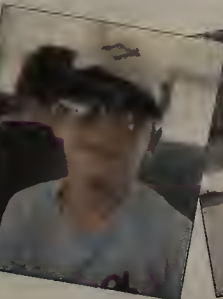
- Last summer the JCC provided scholarships to 15% of our 300 campers and the need continues to grow.
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Rick's incredible show and likable personality has made him one of the most sought-after performers in North America.

He has won an AMPA award for Best TV Host for his work on the award-winning series *The Tourist*. His one-hour special for The Comedy Network and CTV was the highest rated special in the network's history.

Rick's show is high-energy to the tenth power. He is highly animated and interactive. Rick is the type of performer who doesn't settle for doing well; he likes to destroy. Everywhere Rick goes, he tears the room apart. If you think you've heard an audience laugh, then you're in for a big surprise because Rick brings his audience to levels seldom reached by most artists.

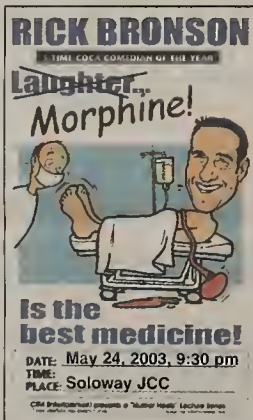
Call 228-9139 for tickets: \$25 adults, \$15 students.

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**Sunday, May 25th
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Registration opens at 8:30 am
Walk begins at 9:30 next to Hillel Academy.



Aviv Festival and Walkathon 2003 May 24th-26th



Aviv Festival and Walkathon 2003 May 24th-26th

Step into the Celebration!



Sunday, May 25th The Festival

11:30 am until 7:30 pm

Have a stroll through the marketplace, enjoy the tastes and smells of Israeli and Jewish cuisine, be entertained with live music and performers hosted by Stuntman Stu of the Bear. Join in on a day of children's activities, fun, food, and festivities!

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The Coffee House

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Monday, May 26th

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Mazal Tov!

It's a boy!

Beckenstein - Shael and Julia (née Goldstein) are ecstatic to announce the birth of Jacob Seth, in Toronto, on April 14, 2003, weighing 7 lb 14 oz. Jacob is welcomed by Zaidie Brian Goldstein, Bubbie Franene Schlessinger and Great Bubbie Nellie Schlessinger, of Ottawa and by Zaidie Hy and Myrna Beckenstein, of Toronto. Jacob Seth is named in loving memory of his Great Zaidies Joseph Goldstein and Fred Schlessinger.

It's a boy!

Cantor-Farber - Adam and Sari Cantor are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Kole Mathew, on Friday April 4, 2003 at 11:36 am at the Queensway-Carleton Hospital. Thrilled grandparents are Anna and Ronny Cantor and Izzy and Mary Farber. Kole is blessed with great-grandparents Cila Farber, Hilliard Pivnick and Polly Cohen, as well as many cousins, aunts and uncles.

Unique chamber choir performs Jewish music

By Lana Fawcett

Musica Ebraica, one of Ottawa's youngest and most unusual chamber choirs, will perform its last concert of the season on Sunday, June 8, at 7:30 pm at the Unitarian Congregation, 30 Cleary Avenue.

Musica Ebraica was formed two years ago by several singers, Jewish and non-Jewish, who wanted to explore the fast-growing world of Jewish choral music.

"There's a renaissance of Jewish choral music going on in the world today," explains David Malecki, the group's co-founder and music director. "Wonderful music is being re-discovered and new music is being written, encompassing all facets of Jewish experience and history."

Malecki recently attended a conference in New York devoted to the music of Salamone Rossi, the first major Jewish choral composer, who lived in the Italian Renaissance.

"Rossi took the musical structures of his time and



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brought them into Jewish sacred works. When you first hear his music, it sounds very Christian, but when you listen closely you see how he transformed it to being distinctly Jewish."

Musica Ebraica will include several Rossi pieces in its concert. The centerpiece of the concert will be "An American Kedushah" by Alice Parker, a contemporary

concert setting of the Kedushah from the Shabbat service. There will also be lively, klezmer-type pieces with clarinet and percussion; Chassidic-style songs; and Yiddish favourites, including "Abi Gezint."

June will mark the 36th anniversary of the Six Day War. Musica Ebraica will remember this with several Israeli pieces, including the

moving "HaKotel," written after that war to express the intense emotions felt by Israelis as they returned to the Wall for the first time since 1948.

The choir members come from different religious traditions, Jewish and non-Jewish. Most sing in other choirs around town, and several perform as soloists elsewhere. Each came to the

choir for unique reasons, but they stay because of the unusual beauty of the music and the special atmosphere in the choir.

The group's last two concerts sold out, so it is recommended that you buy tickets in advance. Tickets are \$15, and are available by calling Nancy and Mort Bercovitch (731-9278) or Barbara and Allan Kagedan (724-3214).

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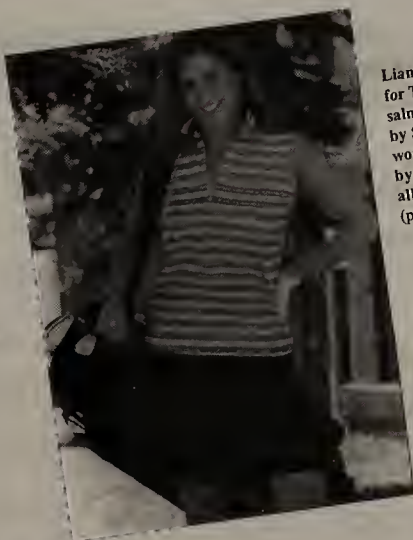
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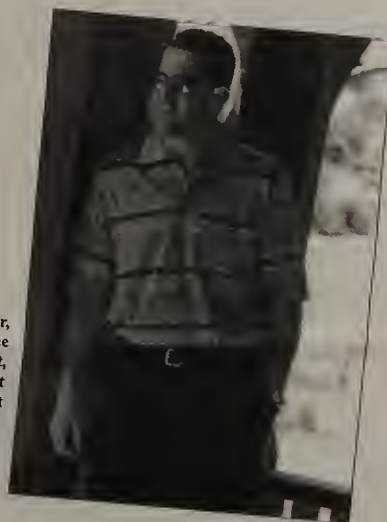
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Stuntman Stu from 106.9 The Bear, Rogers TV and 3rd year emcee for the UJA golf tournament, sports this double mercerized cotton knit golf top by Lyle and Scott and cotton twill shorts by Nautica all from Bucklands Fine Clothing. (photo by Phil Mirsky)

Fashion Tip #1

Inject a little colour and fun into your golf wardrobe this season. For women look for pink, lavender, orange and red in solids and prints, and for men there are retro-styled tops in stripes, floral prints and checks.

The latest trend is to see golf wear make the crossover into street wear, so besides your specialty golf stores, look for sporty separates in your favourite retail store.

Have a little fun with the colourful accessories and don't forget to check out the new selection of golf shoes and even course-friendly sandals.

Fashion tip #2

Choose fabrics that move and breath along the course with you. Cool Max wicks away the sweat while elastin and Lycra add stretch plus there are countless options of lightweight microfibre separates.

New this season are tops in silk-looking mercerized cotton, part of the more fashion-forward golf trend both on and off the course.

Guys are trading in their baggy shorts and tops for a sleeker, more fitted silhouette, while women are choosing shorter skorts, hip-hugging shorts and capri pants.



For those interested in participating, limited space is still available.

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SJCC launches send a kid to camp campaign

By Pamela Rosenberg

The Soloway Jewish Community Centre has kicked off a campaign to raise \$50,000 that will ensure that every Ottawa Jewish child has the opportunity to spend the summer at the Jewish Community Centre of Ottawa Day Camp.

The Jewish Community Centre Day Camp has been in existence since 1951 (at which time it was called the Ottawa Vaad Ha'ir Day

Camp) and although the camp's name, location, prices and programs have changed drastically over the years the camps underlying philosophy has remained the same: every Jewish child in Ottawa deserves the opportunity to go to summer camp.

For over fifty years the Jewish Community Centre has continued to provide scholarships to children whose families cannot afford the cost of summer

camp. Last summer 15 per cent of the over 300 campers were at camp on scholarships.

Campaign Chair Bruria Cooperman was not on scholarship when she went to camp but her passion for this cause comes from her own experiences. She came to Canada from Israel as a young girl, going to camp was very important for her as it was a way of learning English and learning about Canada.

"It was an entry into the community. There are so many ways of becoming part of community but for children this is the easiest way," according to Cooperman. "Camp is one of the strongest elements in not only creating and nurturing but also in maintaining Jewish identity."

For more information on this very important program go to www.jccottawa.com and click on *Send A Kid to Camp*.

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Tamir Judaic Outreach Programs May/June 2003

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Wednesdays	Tamir Choir Leah Smith	Tamir Day Program 11 Nadolny Sachs Private	5:00-6:00
Wednesdays	Judaic Studies Class Cantor Benlolo	Tamir Day Program 11 Nadolny Sachs Privates	6:00-7:30
Sunday May 25	UJA Walkathon Events all day long	SJCC SJCC	9:30 - 11:30 11:30 - 7:30
Wednesday May 28	Torah Factory with Rabbi Blum	Tamir Day Program 11 Nadolny Sachs Private	6:00-7:30
Sunday June 1	Holiday Celebrations RSVP	Rideau Regional Smiths Falls	11:00 - 3:30
Sunday June 8	Tamir AGM Chai Celebration	Agudath Israel 1400 Coldrey Avenue	11:30 - 12:30 12:30 - 3:00
Sunday June 15	Tamir Bar/Bat Mitzvah Celebration Open Invitation RSVP	Agudath Israel 1400 Coldrey Avenue	10:00 - 1:00
Friday June 20	Community Shabbat Dinner RSVP	Melissa Loeb 55 Wellington Road	6:00 - 8:30
Sunday June 22	Jewish Music RSVP	Rideau Regional Smiths Falls	11:00 - 3:30
Sunday June 22	Pizza & Movie Big Fat Greek Wedding RSVP	SJCC, Room 5 \$5.00	3:30 - 6:30

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A joyous seder full of spirit and song, courtesy of Tamir

By Dick Zuker

As Tamir board members, my wife Marcia and I had the very special opportunity to participate in Tamir's third annual Third Seder in the Simcha Room at Agudath Israel Congregation on the evening of Monday, April 21.

About 60 people attended, including Tamir residents and program participants, volunteers, staff, parents, board members and friends.

The Third Seder is one component of Tamir's highly successful Judaic Outreach Program, led by the organization's gifted Judaic adviser, Cantor Daniel Benlolo and untiring Judaic Program Coordinator, Leah Smith.

Tamir resident Lee Waxman, who is something of an icon of the organization, greeted us at the door. When we entered the Seder room, we were given a beautifully crafted Haggadah, designed by Leah and Cantor Benlolo.

The I-shaped table was set for the festival and the meal to follow, catered by David Smith of Creative Kosher Catering, a faithful friend of Tamir.

The candles were lit by Lily Penso, who, together with her husband Jerry, was the guiding light responsible for the creation of Tamir.

The seder was an interactive affair, with everyone reading the story of Exodus from the special Haggadah, singing the *Fear Kashas* and other songs led by the cantor, Leah and the Tamir choir.

After a delicious seder dinner of gefilte fish, soup, turkey, brisket, meatballs, tsimnis, various kugles (kigles, insists my wife, who is of Lithuanian background), dessert and the *Afikomen*, we sang *Echad Me Yodeah* and *Chad Gadyah* with the Tamir choir.

Sometime during the evening, I heard for my first time, the uplifting

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cheer of Tamir's residents entitled "Spirit with an Attitude."

Nothing could be more apt as a description of Tamir's family and the Jewish people throughout history. I think I will add

Tamir's cheer to the end of my future seders.

The Passover Seder holds a special place in my heart amongst all Jewish festivals and religious events. It connects me with my ancestors, brings back

joyous memories of my youth, brings my loved ones and me together in an intimate setting, and rejuvenates my spirit and Jewish identity.

This Tamir event was a "Seder of Seders" for me. It

was an evening I will not forget and I hope I will be able to share in future years.

I am honoured to be a board member and have the opportunity to carry on the work of the many people who continue to devote their energies to improving the lives of Tamir's family members.

Tamir is a gift to the Jewish community. Treasure it and support it – as a volunteer, member, donor, advocate or board member. It is an ongoing sign that the benevolence and hope for the future of the Jewish community is alive and well.

On June 8, Tamir will be holding its Annual General Meeting in the social hall of Congregation Agudath Israel e at 11:30 am, followed by a brunch at 12:30 and program at 1:30 to celebrate its Chai birthday, marking 18 years of expanding services and a unique place in the heart and soul of Ottawa's Jewish community.

JFS provides more services for isolated seniors in Ottawa

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JFS volunteer-based support services include tele-shalom (a daily telephone reassurance program), kosher meals on wheels, transportation to special events and appointments, visits by volunteers who are matched with seniors who are looking for companionship and teams of two volunteers who visit Jewish seniors at long term care facilities throughout the region.

Our latest seniors' initiative is slated to begin in late spring. "Keshet" (Connection) is a teleconferencing program for seniors to keep

in touch with others through interesting and thoughtful dialogue. Each ten-week session will revolve around a different topic, with current affairs being the first. A senior volunteer will moderate, with four to six seniors participating.

If you know of someone who you believe will benefit from the services offered, please contact the individual or alternately, if they are comfortable in having their name and phone number passed on to the JFS, the Seniors Unit will approach them. Confidentiality is always respected.

For further information contact Roslyn Wollock, JFS coordinator senior volunteers/programming (722-2225, ext. 313).



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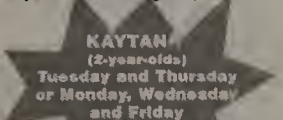
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Rib Steak with Jalapeno and Garlic Rub

Serves 4

A tender cut of meat like rib steaks does not need marinating, but this rub of garlic and jalapeno adds a wonderful flavour. Although 4 jalapenos and 6 cloves of garlic sound like it would be too pungent and spicy, the flavours mellow quite a bit during cooking. The best way to gauge doneness is to use an instant read thermometer. It should be inserted horizontally from the edge into the centre of the steak, so that most of the thermometer is inserted into the steak.

2 rib steaks, cut 1 1/2 inches thick
4 jalapeno peppers, seeded and finely diced
6 cloves garlic, finely minced
kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper

Mix together the garlic and jalapeno and rub all over both sides of the steaks. Refrigerate for at least 1 hour or up to 4 hours.

If using a charcoal grill, build a two-level fire as described above and burn coals until a light gray ash coats the them. If using a gas grill, preheat on high for 10 minutes. Sprinkle both sides of each steak with salt and pepper.

Grill, uncovered over high heat for about 4 to 5 minutes per side. Turn the heat down to low (or move to cooler part of grill if using charcoal), cover grill and continue cooking until steaks are done to your liking. For rare, cook an additional 6 minutes (120 degrees on an instant read thermometer), for medium-rare cook an additional 7 or 8 minutes (130 degrees) and for medium cook about another 8 to 9 minutes (135 degrees). Let steaks rest for 5 minutes, then slice steaks crosswise into 1/3-inch thick slices.

Grilled steak and roast potatoes

Most people view the buds on the trees or the emerging tulips as their harbinger of spring. I know that spring has finally arrived when the mountain of snow outside my house has finally dwindled down to a mere puddle.

I live on a street that ends in a cul-de-sac and the city piles the snow into a mountain outside our front door all winter long. When that mountain is finally gone I know it's safe to put away the kid's winter boots and pull out the barbecue.

Grilling is something I've had lots of experience with. I spent the summer between my first and second year of cooking school working in a restaurant as the grill chef.

The restaurant had a huge stone barbecue on their patio. The charcoal for the barbecue was kept in 50-pound bags on the roof of a shed at the back of the yard. I had to climb a ladder at the side of the shed and toss down the

sacks of charcoal. My nickname that summer was Cinderella as my face was always covered with charcoal streaks.

By the end of that summer I was turning out fantastic grilled steaks. The key, as I learned, is two-fold. Begin with a steak, cut about 1 1/2 inches thick. A rib steak this size will generously feed two people. The second secret is to build a two level fire. If you use a charcoal grill, build the fire with a lot of coals on one side of the grill and much fewer coals on the other half. Begin cooking the steak on the hot side, searing it for 5 minutes per side. Finish cooking on the cooler half of the grill. If using a gas grill, sear the outside on high and then turn the heat down to low to finish cooking the inside at a lower temperature. The end result is a carnivore's dream; steak with a dark brown brittle crust and a juicy tender interior.

Crispy Roast Potatoes

Serves 6

I discovered this unusual technique in a British cookbook by Delia Smith (*Delia's How to Cook, Book One*; BBC 1998). Her method involves shaking parboiled potatoes in the pot to rough up the surface and then roasting them.

Admittedly, this recipe is a bit more involved than traditional roast potatoes. But if you care about potatoes, the end result is worth it. I have never had potatoes as crispy as these.

Red skinned potatoes are ideal for this recipe as they stay moist on the inside during roasting.

4 tablespoons canola oil
3 pounds red-skinned potatoes (about 9 medium potatoes), peeled and cut into 2-inch chunks
2 tablespoons margarine
1 teaspoon paprika
1 teaspoon kosher salt
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
2 teaspoons finely chopped rosemary

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F. Pour canola oil into a large enamel or metal roasting pan and place on the mid-

dle rack of the preheated oven.

Fill a large pot about halfway with cold water and add 1 tablespoon kosher salt and cut potatoes. Bring potatoes to a boil, turn down the heat to low and simmer potatoes for about another 4-5 minutes, until the surface of the potatoes just begins to turn soft. Drain potatoes, return to pot and cover pot with lid. Using one hand to hold the pot and the other hand to hold the lid, shake the pot back and forth, for about 30 seconds, to rough up the surface of the potatoes.

Remove roasting pan from the oven and place pan on the stovetop. Add margarine and turn on the burner under the pan to medium heat. Carefully add roughed-up potatoes and cook for about 2-3 minutes, using tongs to turn potatoes so that they are lightly browned on all sides. Turn off burner. Toss potatoes with salt, paprika and pepper.

Return potatoes to oven and roast for about 20 more minutes, turning once. Remove potatoes from oven and mix with finely chopped garlic and rosemary. Put potatoes back in oven and roast for another 5 minutes. Serve immediately.

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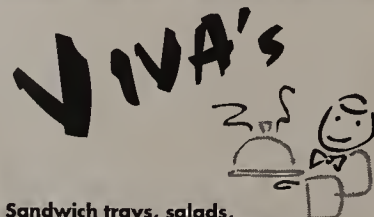
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Kid Lit

Deanna Silverman

Angels Sweep the Desert Floor
Bible Legends About Moses in the Wilderness
By Miriam Chaikin • Illustrated by Alexander Koshkin
Clarion Books 2002
104 pps. Ages 9 and up

A companion to *Clouds of Glory* which focused on the Book of Genesis (reviewed November 9, 1998), Chaikin's new book, *Angels Sweep the Desert Floor*, is a compilation of 18 dream-like stories that breathe wonder, purpose and spirituality into our ancestors' 40 year trek in the desert after the Exodus from Egypt.

Once again Chaikin playfully blends sharp-edged bible stories with the flights of fancy of our ancient rabbis who created the Midrash. In their midrashim (stories explaining gaps in the Chumash), the rabbis postulated that God had actually created not one but two worlds, the world we live in and a multi-layered heavenly world where He and hordes of angels keep track of our doings. Numerous links exist between the two worlds, the rabbis taught.

In *Angels Sweep the Desert Floor* Chaikin flits back and forth between those two worlds, poetically exploring the links that helped Moses, Aaron and Miriam keep a disparate and desperate people alive in the desert while teaching them about an invisible God and a code of morality.

Following God's instructions, angels looked after the basic needs of the wandering Israelites - food, water, shade, and safety. Baker angels prepared the manna that was eaten in the desert. Magically it took on any and every taste desired.

Other angels crafted a canopy of clouds, with tassels at the edges, to provide shade. Still others created Miriam's Well, a rolling stone that accompanied the Israelites, spouting as much water as was needed. Others created breezes to

keep harmful insects and snakes away.

Moses, meanwhile, was up in the heavens bathed in the amber glow of God's glory. Reminiscent of Einstein's dream that inspired his theory of relativity, "... Moses stood alone on a point of light, the tip of a blinding spark of beauty that radiated out from the Holy Curtain."

And so begins the simultaneous transmission of awareness of an ephemeral spirit promoting a specific set of Ten Pathways that will impact all the people at Mt. Sinai and far into the future. The inspirational and the concrete presented as partners in both worlds, one incomplete without the other.

There are several moving stories in this collection but Chapter 13, *The Shekina Calms Hearts*, struck me as the most human. The people are grappling with the problem of how to know God and how to keep a day holy.

Moses, Aaron and Miriam have dealt with these questions before.

This time, however, with the help of the angels and the Shekina (God's feminine aura on earth), the answers are demonstrated with the first celebration of Shabbat, a celebration mirrored by all of nature and the heavenly hosts.

Which brings me back to a key feature of these stories, the mirror image of behaviour on earth and in heaven. Joy is expressed in music. Curiosity abounds. Doing things that have to be done is a given but not everything gets done well or on time.

Satan is a petulant bad boy who has to be distracted from causing trouble. The Sour Faces are Satan's invidious, unthinking followers. Young angels are as playful as children. Even Guardian Angels occasionally balk at instructions. Both angels and humans can share in the enchanted beauty and peace of God's reflected glory.

Alexander Koshkin's watercolour illustrations enhance the ephemeral qualities of the stories, representing them in shades of amber, yellow, blue and white. This contrasts with his portrayal of the desert and the people in earth tones, primarily browns and greens.

Comprehensive end notes

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trace the origins of the various themes in each of the 18 stories and clearly indicate where M.C. (the author) added a dash of her own creative thinking.

When I reviewed *Clouds of Glory* I described it as an eloquent example of "divergent thinking at its best" presented in hushed, loving tones. That comment is equally true for *Angels Sweep the Desert Floor*. Both books take aim at that small, still place in the fastness of the heart and the fanciful creative mind. They are books to savour. *Yasher Koach*, Miriam Chaikin!

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The Book Beat

Kinneret Globerman

Two very serious and important books that may galvanize readers to take action.

The End of Days: Fundamentalism and the Struggle for the Temple Mount

By Gershom Gorenberg
Oxford University Press
Softcover, 2000

When Melody, the crimson heifer, was born at Kfar Hasidim in August of 1996, the world held its breath. At least, for a while. That's because only nine perfectly red heifers in history ever fit the specifications for sacrifice at the Temple, recorded Moses Maimonides in the *Mishneh Torah* (the code of Jewish law). The tenth, he said, would arrive in time for *Moshiach* and for the Third Temple to be built in Jerusalem.

Thus opens Gorenberg's unsettling book, crucial to understanding why the Temple Mount is such a "hot spot," and why Christian fundamentalists have become the new "friend" of Israel. It is a cautionary tale made more frightening because of its currency. Gorenberg explores the messianic/millennialist movements, their past histories and the reasons for their foothold in contemporary society. Millennialism and messianism – the belief in God's Kingdom on earth – is dangerous, he avers, because of its seductive ideology and because its more zealous proponents would like the worst to happen sooner than later; they would like to make prophesy self-fulfilling and not await God's hand.

The writer and *Jerusalem Post* columnist relates how the apocalyptic vision is shared by Judaism, Christianity and Islam, each having their own version. Yet as different as these

The temple and the mount, and the mentoring of an activist

visions are, there is one constant: the Jew. In one, he is the true messiah. In another, he is the Son of God who will bring back to Christianity all those Jews astray in Judaism. In the third, he is the *al-masih al-jajjal* – the anti-Christ. While the three monotheistic religions can't agree on how the final days will unfold, they do agree they will take place in Jerusalem, at the site of the Third Temple, on the Temple Mount where the Temples of Kings Solomon and Herod once stood. "The Temple Mount," writes Gorenberg, "is potentially a detonator of full-scale war, and a few people trying to rush the End could set it off."

When Gorenberg first wrote the book, the Al-Aqsa Intifada and September 11 had not yet taken place. His preface to this new edition validates his original concern that the world's end could be imminent as he shows how those two events brought the world closer to the brink. His exposé of the dangers of fundamentalism – whether Jewish, Christian or Islamist – and how the Temple Mount is the "sacred blasting cap" that could ignite the region into an apocalyptic end is a riveting read, especially since Gorenberg's writing, more like fiction than non-fiction, is so good.

Letters to a Young Activist By Todd Gitlin

Basic Books, Perseus Books Group/
distributed by HarperCollins
Hardcover, 2003

Todd Gitlin's book is a perfect compliment to Gorenberg's. The journalism and sociology professor at Columbia University tells his reader, an activist wannabe, that it's not enough to shake one's head and bemoan the world's suffering and doomsday scenarios. One must depart "from the path of least resistance" and do something to make the world a better place.

Gitlin is an appropriate mentor, given his first-hand experience as a radical activist in the 1960's. He's didactic in an avuncular way, without being patronizing. In each of these essays, he offers advice based on experience – his own and other activist movements in contemporary history. His advice

is good advice for all activists, no matter their age. For he addresses all of the dilemmas and pitfalls that can hijack an activist from pursuing the motivators Gitlin identifies for wanting to change the world: duty, love, adventure. By using examples in history, Gitlin warns that "Goodness does not win pretty – regardless of the intentions of the good."

Nonetheless, one needs to act, and act passionately (yet restrainedly) and wisely (informed by history), against injustice. Zeal must be tempered lest it turn into fanaticism. One must take care not to burn bridges, yet not be reluctant to speak out. One should choose one's activist companions carefully, and beware the parasites and those with anarchistic agendas. But above all, one must take action and take it now, if for no other reason than to "secure another human right: freedom from the fear of extermination."

Letters is part of a series of books under the rubric "The Art Of Mentoring" based on poet Rainer Maria Rilke's *Letters to a Young Poet*. Look for subsequent books to be published by various professionals and artists, in the same mentoring vein.

Next Book Beat: Smart Fiction

This month at the Greenberg Families Library:

Estelle Melzer leads the book discussion on Wednesday, May 21 at 1:30 pm on Chaim Potok's *Old Men At Midnight*. It's a trilogy of related novellas about a woman whose life touches three very different men.

The Ottawa Jewish Film Society presents its seventh and last program of the season on Sunday, May 25 at 2:00 pm. "Catskill Honeymoon" is a 93-minute American film made 1949, in English (with some Yiddish). A Jewish resort hotel celebrates the fiftieth wedding anniversary of a pair of long-time customers. Open to SJCC and Library members free of charge.

Allan Levine – mystery writer and historian – will be the special guest speaker at the Library on Sunday, June 15. Come hear the genial writer from Winnipeg. For more information, call the Library (798-9818, ext. 245).



JEWISH NATIONAL FUND OF OTTAWA Notice of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Take notice that a meeting of Members* of the Jewish National Fund of Ottawa will be held on Wednesday, June 18, 2003 at NOON in Classroom 5 at the Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building,

21 Nadolny Sachs Private, Ottawa

for the purpose of receiving reports and for the election of Officers and Board of Directors for the coming two years.

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by submitting a written nomination signed by five Members and the nominee which shall be delivered to the office of the JNF Ottawa no later than June 9, 2003.

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The deadline date is Wednesday, June 4, 2003.



Global Shtetl The Jewish Internet

Saul Silverman

Will it be peace in our time? Once again, this question is being debated, pro and con. This time, it arises in the wake of the euphoria over the toppling of the Saddam Hussein dictatorship in Iraq and the expectation that it can lead to change in the Arab countries (as some in the Bush Administration have suggested) and, ultimately, to peace in the area. In this view, there will be a great awakening throughout the Middle East. The Palestinians will also see the light and will join the rush to embrace democracy, clean government and modernization. In this process, there will be a breaking of the logjam of the last 55 (or perhaps, the last 100) years.

Similar hopes have arisen ever since the British victory over the Turks in 1918. At that time, many Jews and Christians were hopeful that the Jews would be welcomed back to their ancestral homeland by the newly-liberated Arabs, and that Zionism would be seen as a welcome partner in the effort to bring modernization to the area. Euphoric hopes are nothing new.

Toward the end of his life, Chaim Weizman suggested that peace, if it could occur, would be like finding an oasis in the desert by a parched and starving traveller. Surely it would be welcome, and the traveller would be wise to pursue every possibility of reaching the oasis. But Weizman warned, on the basis of his experience, that the oasis on the horizon too often turned out to be a mirage.

Some websites

In our efforts to support an Israel that can live in peace (if

Israel and the Arabs, post-Saddam

it is attainable) and security (whether or not peace is attainable), it is important that we try and understand Arab culture.

Understanding Arabs or any other culture is difficult, but not impossible. One approach is, without prejudice, to browse representative websites that reflect Arab points of view. In what follows I propose that you look into a few examples of three types of sites: first, a few general references on Arab culture and history; secondly, a sampling of the English-language versions of the Arab press; and, thirdly, some of the Israeli monitoring and translation services on the Arab countries and the Palestinians.

The first of the general references is the Islamic history sourcebook, another of the excellent web compilations produced by Professor Haslam at Fordham University (<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/islam/islambook.html>). For a contemporary view, the most recent edition of the *CIA World Factbook* provides basic information on every Arab country (<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook>).

A good sense of what gets into the Arab print media can be provided by the following sampling of English language papers from countries bordering Israel, and from the Palestinians.

Egypt's semiofficial daily, *Al Ahran*, is available in a weekly edition at <http://weekly.ahram.org.eg>. The *Jordan Times* daily is available at <http://www.jordantimes.com>. The *Beirut Lebanon Daily Star* – which was an early re-teller of the fantasy that Jews in the World Trade Center were told not to show up on Sept. 11, 2001 – is at <http://www.dailystar.com.lb>. *Syria Times* is a selection based on Teshreen, the official Syrian daily (<http://www.teshreen.com/syriatime>; the dates are somewhat quirky when you retrieve specific issues by clicking on a day-of-the-week menu bar). Lastly, the *Jerusalem Times*, says that it is an "independent, Palestinian, weekly" (<http://www.jerusalem-times.net>). Browsing these

newspapers will give you a flavour of the Arab press in the region; it may surprise or shock you, but this is what Arabs believe is suitable for English readers.

The best of the Israeli-oriented Arabic news monitoring and interpretation site is MEMRI, published by the Middle East Media Research Institute (<http://www.memri.org>). IMRA (Independent Media Review Analysis) is a daily monitor of news and events that translates or summarizes developments from Palestinian and other Arab sources, as well as related Israeli comments and analyses. Content is reliable, but the interpolated editorial comments make quite clear where it stands (<http://www.imra.org.il>). A final Israeli monitoring source focuses exclusively on Palestinian sources, and thoroughly covers the more outrageous examples, e.g., the republication of the "Protocols of the Elders of Zion" by Palestinian and other Arab sources (<http://www.pmw.org.il>).

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2003 - 7:00 pm

The Joseph and Inez Zelikovitz Long Term Care Centre, 10 Nadolny Sachs Private

Members of the Lodge and Community, Residents, Families, Staff and Volunteers are welcome to attend

BUSINESS AGENDA

1. Business of 2002/2003 Board will be completed:

- Adoption of previous minutes
- Business arising from previous meeting
- Treasurer's Report
- Thank you to outgoing Board by Mr. Eric Weiner

2. Annual Meeting:

- Approval of actions taken by the 2002/2003 Board
- Appointment of the Auditors 2003/2004
- Report of the Nominating Committee by Mrs. Melané Hotz (Chair)
- Election of incoming Board 2003/2004
- Medical Director's Reports
- Report of Outgoing President

NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS - 2003/2004

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by the Board

ANNOUNCEMENT: Any additional nominations must be forwarded, in writing, to the Lodge office by June 10, 2003, to the attention of Mrs. M. Hotz.

PROGRAM

I "Advancing the cause to preserve quality of life"

- Presentation by: Meg Friedman,
Hillel Lodge Long-Term Care Foundation

II Awards Ceremony

- Outstanding Service Award
- President's Award of Merit
- Direct Service Award

III

- Recognition Staff Award - 25 Years
- Executive Director's Report
- Thank You to Outgoing President
- Refreshments to Follow



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Judith Lillian Ross-Hymie Whitzman Memorial Fund established in Jewish Community Foundation

The recent sudden death of Judith Lillian Ross, known by her friends as "Judie," sent shock waves throughout the Ottawa Jewish community.

Judie established the Hymie Whitzman Memorial Fund in 1989, in honour of her late father. Its proceeds were mandated to benefit Hillel Lodge. Judie had great respect for the elderly and was sensitive to their needs, so Hillel Lodge was an appropriate recipient.

When Judie passed away, her close friends approached the Ross fami-



Judith Lillian Ross

ly with the request to establish a memorial fund in her honour.

It was only months earlier that the Tamir Founda-

tion had secured an additional residence one block from the Ross home. Last fall, during Succot, Judie attended a small celebration at the Tamir Succah, constructed in the backyard of the new Tamir residence.

She was touched by the festivities, but mostly by its residents. It therefore seemed natural to select the Tamir Foundation as the beneficiary of the memorial fund established in her honour.

In order not to steal the thunder from the existing fund established for Mr. Whitzman, as well as to honour Judie's wishes, the Judith Lillian Ross-Hymie Whitzman Memorial Fund was created.

Proceeds from this fund will be equally distributed between Hillel Lodge and the Tamir Foundation, two of Judie's loves, the elderly and the handicapped.

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'Jerusalem: Snapshots From a Distance' author speaks at SJCC

By Maxine Miska

We can think of history as an epic movie continuously unfurling, or we can see it as a scrapbook of photographs - each image distilling the essence of an era.

Author Esther A. Dagan follows the second path in her new collection of short stories, *Jerusalem: Snapshots From a Distance* (Montreal: Amrad Publications, 2003).

Dagan's book presents the history of modern Israel

through a series of vignettes, which illuminate scenes from Jewish life in Jerusalem from pre-independence to the present. Each story is like the *tableaux vivants* viewed by torchlight at summer camp. She begins with a tour of the old markets in Jerusalem: Arabs, Jews, and Christians jumbled together, uneasy neighbours. The stories move through time, describing a burial on the Mount of Olives, and then the joyous

return to the gates of Jerusalem after the 1967 war, the search for old graves and the return to former houses in the old city that were taken by Arab families after the 1948 war. The desire for peace and the irrevocable loss in war permeate the narratives.

Dagan is an expert on African art and a dancer. Her previous collection of short stories, *Mask*, recounts the pleasures and dangers encountered by a young Israeli woman documenting African artistic traditions.

Dagan flawlessly describes the interrelationship of masks and dancing in Africa and the cubist, multi-faceted nature of African oral tradition. Esther Dagan taught African art at Tel Aviv University for 12 years.

Dagan will speak about her book at the Soloway Jewish Community Centre on June 23, 2003, 7:30 pm.

Her talk is sponsored by the Vered Israel Cultural and Educational Program. For more information, call Avivit Erlichman (798-9818, ext. 276).

Local author launches children's book

A reception, reading and book signing of author Sharon Abron Drache's latest children's book *The Magic Pot* will take place on Sunday, June 1 at 2:00 pm at the National Library of Canada, 395 Wellington Street.

The Magic Pot is a timeless fable about seven-year-old Rifkeh who discovers that learning to give reaps astonishing rewards for her-

self and her poor sick grandmother Malka. The book is set in a 1950s Toronto neighbourhood now known as The Annex.

Abron Drache is the author of three books of adult fiction and the children's story *Jeremiah Proosky*. For more information about the book launch call Mother Tongue Books (730-2346) or L'Dor Vador Publication (225-2346).

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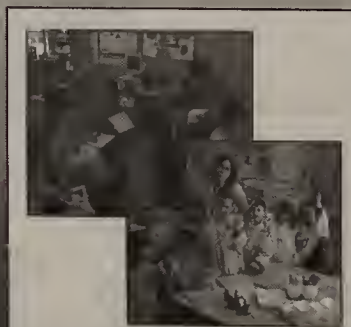
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May 19 to June 22, 2003

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TUESDAY
MAY 20
Lag Ba Omer, 4:00 p.m.
Matca Pass Library - Book Discussion, Prof. Jean-Jacques Van Vlasselaer will review *Austerlitz* by W.G. Sebald, Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Coldrey Ave., 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
MAY 21
Greenberg Family Library Book Discussion lead by Estelle Melzer, "Old Man at Midnight" by Chaim Potok, A trilogy of related novellas about a woman whose life touches three different men, 1:30 p.m.
Benefit Gala for Magen David Adom, Canadian Museum of Nature, 6:30 p.m.
Jewish Family Services and Yitzhak Rabin High School presents An Evening with Rabbi Abraham Twerski, 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY
MAY 24
Canadian Friends of Haifa University and Aviv Jewish Festival present Yuk Yuk's comedy, 9:45 p.m.

SUNDAY
MAY 25
Aviv Festival and Walkathon, 8:30 a.m.
Aviv Festival, YAD and Futures present The Bedouin Tent Experience, 5:30 p.m.
The Ottawa Jewish Film Society Presents: Catskill Honeymoon, A Jewish resort hotel celebrates the 50th wedding anniversary of a pair of longtime customers, English with Yiddish subtitles, 2:00 p.m.

MONDAY
MAY 26
An Evening with Naomi Ragen, Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Coldrey Ave., 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY
MAY 27
AJA 50+ Annual General Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
MAY 28
Jewish Community Council of Ottawa/Vaad Ha'R Trustees Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Celebration of Rabbi Bulka's 36th Year, Dinner/Fundraiser in celebration of Rabbi Bulka's 36th year association with Congregation Machzikei Hadas and the Ottawa Jewish Community, Congregation Machzikei Hadas, 2310 Virginia Dr., 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY
JUNE 1
Holiday Spirit - Shavuot, 1:00 p.m.



Book Launch, *The Magic Pot* by Sharon Abron Drache, National Library of Canada, 395 Wellington street, 2:00 p.m.
OHW Amit chapter annual tea in support of Hadassah hospital, 34 Lynhurst Avenue, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

The Rosenberg Lecture, Being a Jew in the 21st Century: Notes from the Theatrical Edge, with David Berner, Temple Israel, 7:30 p.m.
Israel House, 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY
JUNE 2
The Vered Israel Cultural and Educational Program presents "The Palestinians: Their History and Role in the Politics of the Middle East" with Dr. Henry Habib, 7:30 p.m.

TAMIR FOUNDATION CHAL BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND AGM, Agudath Israel, 11:30 a.m.
"Die Folkshpieler" Yiddish theatre performance, 2:00 p.m.

SUNDAY
JUNE 8
Hillel/SJCC Golf Tournament, Loch March Golf and Country Club, 1755 Dld Carp Rd., Kanata, 11:00 a.m.

Ottawa Jewish Historical Society Lecture, Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Coldrey Ave., 7:30 p.m.
Ottawa Hadassah-WIZO closing meeting with guest speaker Michelle Divon, Temple Israel, 1301 Prince of Wales Drive, 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY
JUNE 9
SJCC/Rambam Maimonides School Special Education Series - Bringing out the creative potential in your young child by Nasse Dubov E.C.E., veteran teacher, Rambam-Maimonides School, 25 Esquimaux Ave, 7:30 p.m.

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TUESDAY
JUNE 10
Rambam-Maimonides School Garden Party, 471 Tilbury Ave., 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
JUNE 11
Jewish Community Council of Ottawa/Vaad Ha'R Annual General Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Emanah of Ottawa Mother-in-Israel event in honour of the late Helen Kizell Belles with guest speaker Stockwell Day, Minto Suites Hotel, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY
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SUNDAY
JUNE 15
2nd Annual Sports Breakfast of Champions, 11:00 a.m.

Greenberg Family Library Author Talks, Acclaimed author Allan Levine discusses his recent book, *Scattered Among the People: The Jewish Diaspora in Ten Portraits*, 7:30 p.m.
JACS - Jewish Alcoholics, Chemically Dependent Persons and Significant Others, location varies, call - 282-0249 or email, 5:00 p.m.

Kevod Eveni: Family beach reception in recognition of the hard work and dedication of all the volunteers who made the 2003 UJA Campaign such a success, 73 Loch Isle Road, 6:00 p.m.

MONDAY
JUNE 16
Rambam-Maimonides School Grand Cocktail Party and Dinner in honour of Marty Davis, Westin Hotel, 11 Colonel By Dr., 6:00 p.m.
The Vered Israel Cultural and Educational Program presents "The Palestinians: Their History and Role in the Politics of the Middle East" with Dr. Henry Habib, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
JUNE 18
Jewish National Fund of Ottawa Annual General Meeting, noon.

THURSDAY
JUNE 19
Newcomers Tea, sponsored by the Ladies' Reception Committee for Newcomers, 2341 Georgina Drive, 2:30 p.m.

CANDLELIGHTING
May 23 ☆ 8:15 pm
May 30 ☆ 8:22 pm
June 6 ☆ 8:28 pm
June 13 ☆ 8:32 pm
June 20 ☆ 8:35 pm

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ONGOING
Hillel Lodge Auxiliary Gift Shoppe now re-opened.
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Sunday, noon to 5:00 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 23
Author Talks: Esther A. Dagan's new collection of short stories, *Jerusalem: Snapshots From a Distance*, 7:30 p.m.
Info: Avivit Erlichman (798-4696, ext. 276).

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25
The Bess and Moe Greenberg Family Hillel Lodge Annual Meeting, The Joseph and Inez Zelikovitz Long Term Care Centre, 10 Nadolny Sachs Private, 7:00 p.m.

MONDAY, JULY 7
UJA Golf Tournament. Info: ujagolf@jccottawa.com

Unless otherwise noted, activities take place at The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private

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